



Updated Well Classification Process

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has updated its [Well Permit Application Manual](#), [Well Permit Application Form](#), [Well Permit Amendment Application Form](#) and [Subsequent Well Application Form](#) in regard to a change in the well permit classification process. Well classification is in accordance with Section 2 of the [Drilling and Production Regulation](#). A recent analysis has identified approximately 95 per cent of current well permit applications are classified as “Development.”

In an effort to streamline application review processes, applicants are now required to indicate the well classification on the Well Permit Application Form and provide written acknowledgment that the Commission may release well reports and well data in accordance with the timelines set out in Section 17(1) of the [Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation](#). This adjustment is consistent with requirements being developed as part of the E-Permitting component of the Business Transition Strategy.

Applicants are encouraged to use the [FTP](#) data source to support well classifications. The “apda” file grouping contains the necessary information required to spatially plot shapefiles and determine where potential well applications fit with respect to other established pools.

The specific updates to the Well Permit Application Manual and Well Permit Application Form can be found on the following page.

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Changes to the Well Permit Application Manual and Well Permit Application Form are as below:

Well Classification – Please indicate the well classification requested to be assigned to this well permit consistent with Section 2 of the Drilling and Production Regulation.

- ☐ Development ☐ Exploratory outpost ☐ Exploratory wildcat

Based on the well classification selected, I concur that the Commission may release any well reports and well data for the well from confidential status in accordance with the timelines prescribed in Section 17(1) of the OGAA General Regulation.

- ☐ Yes